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Letter dated 29 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 28 March 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Stevo Crvenkovski, addressed to you.

I would kindly request your assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the General Assembly under item 79, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Denko MALESKI
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Allow me, first of all, to express my appreciation for your understanding so far, and for all the efforts of the United Nations Security Council, as well as for your personal efforts in respect of the issue of restructuring the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in the Republic of Macedonia.

According to the information I have received, all possible efforts have been made in order to find an appropriate and practical solution for what has become a necessity, i.e. the separation of the UNPROFOR mandates in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Macedonia, in respect of the essence of the mandate and of its name. I am at liberty to point out that the second issue is not of second-rate importance at all. On the contrary, just a minor and perhaps symbolic modification of the name of these forces has a clear effect in defining their mandate and makes a distinction in regard to the foundations of the spirit of the United Nations actions - adjustment to specific needs.

With this in view, we consider that the solution containing the distinction "UNPREDEP" entails the idea of emphasizing the key and most specific issue in the case of the Republic of Macedonia - preventive diplomacy and its first application in United Nations history and the practice of international relations. We believe that its uniqueness and maximum successfulness thus far deserve additional small efforts that would underline once again a key principle of individualizing global solutions.

We are convinced that essentially our views on this issue correspond to a maximum and that this request of ours pertaining to the name to be used for the United Nations forces in the Republic of Macedonia - UNPREDEP - will be met with understanding.

(Signed) Stevo CRVENKOVSKI
Minister for Foreign Affairs